

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 5, before "BACKGROUND OF INVENTION," insert:

**PRIORITY BENEFIT AND CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This Application claims priority benefits to International Application No. PCT/US 99/21366, filed September 1999, which application claims priority benefits to United States Patent Application Nos. (1) 60/101,092, filed September 18, 1998; (2) 60/106,918 filed November 3, 1998; and (3) 60/138,505, filed June 10, 1999, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

The present invention is related to the following corresponding U.S. Patent Applications, all of which are divisionals of the Application:

Serial No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_ "CHEMICAL DERIVATIZATION OF SINGLE-WALL CARBON NANOTUBES TO FACILITATE SOLVATION THEREOF; AND USE OF DERIVATIZED NANOTUBES TO FORM CATALYST-CONTAINING SEED MATERIALS FOR USE IN MAKING CARBON FIBERS" to Margraves et al., (Attorney Docket No. 11321-P025US), filed concurrent to the date of this Application;

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